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A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

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**CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing as a continuation application under the continuing application procedure of 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) is a patent application identified as follows:

Title: METHOD FOR MINIMIZING THE CRITICAL DIMENSION GROWTH OF A FEATURE ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER

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No. of Pages in Specification: 18 , No. of Claims: 26 .

No. of Sheets of Drawings: 8 ; Formal: ☐ or Informal: ☒

## Identification of Prior Complete Application

SC/Serial No.: 09/505,420                      Art Unit: 1763  
Filed: February 16, 2000                      Examiner: R. Jervigon  
Title: **METHOD FOR MINIMIZING THE CRITICAL DIMENSION  
GROWTH OF A FEATURE ON A SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER**  
Inventors: Stephen P. DeOrnellas; Alferd Cofer; Leslie G. Jerde; Kurt A. Olson.

**Delete the Following Inventor(s) for This Application:** (none)

## Declaration

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A copy of the Declaration (signed by all inventors) from the Prior Complete Application is submitted herewith.

## Amendments

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Please CANCEL in this application original claims 2-38 of the prior complete application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.) However, if this instruction results in cancellation of all original claims, please instead retain the lowest numbered original claim.

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Please AMEND the specification by deleting any amendatory material before the first line of the application and inserting therefor: "This application is a Continuation of Serial No. 09/505,420, filed February 16, 2000, which is a Divisional of Serial No. 08/974,089, filed November 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,046,116."

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A preliminary amendment is enclosed. Please enter the preliminary amendment before calculating the application filing fee. (Claims added must be consecutively numbered beginning with next number after highest number in prior complete application.)

## Petition for Extension of Time to Respond

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No extension of time is required for the prior complete application.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), enclosed is a petition for an extension of time for the prior complete application, up to and including today, for responding to the Office action together with the fee set by 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

## Power of Attorney

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A power of attorney appears in the prior complete application.

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A new power of attorney is submitted herewith.

## Assignment

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The prior application is assigned of record to:

Tegal Corporation

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An assignment of the invention to:

\_\_\_\_\_ is submitted herewith,  
together with an ASSIGNMENT RECORDATION FORM COVER SHEET  
and recordal fee of \$40.00.

## Claim of Priority

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Priority of foreign application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_, in \_\_\_\_\_  
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 1.119.

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The certified copy was filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Small Entity Statement

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Statement(s) claiming small entity status is (are) submitted herewith.

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Statement claiming small entity status was filed in the parent application  
Serial No. 08/974,089, on November 19, 1997 and its benefit under 37  
C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed.

## Filing Fee

The continuation patent application filing fee is calculated as shown below:

No. Filed	No. Extra		Rate Small Entity/ Other Than Small Entity		
Basic Fee			\$355.00 \$710.00	=	\$355.00
Total Claims <u>26</u> ** - 20	=	<u>6</u> *	\$ 9.00 \$ 18.00	=	\$ 54.00
Independent Claims <u>3</u> ** - 3	=	<u>0</u> *	\$ 40.00 \$ 80.00	=	\$0
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) _____			\$135.00 \$270.00	=	\$
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Patent application filing fee	\$409.00
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge underpayment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A **duplicate** copy of this CONTINUATION APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1) form is enclosed.

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